CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: Grand Theft Auto V

Other known title(s): GTA 5

OFLC ref: 1500044.000

Medium: Computer Game

Distributor: Take Two Interactive

FVLB Applicant: Take Two Interactive

Country of origin: United States

Language: English

Applicant: Film & Video Labelling Body

Classification:	Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: Violence, sexual material, drug use and offensive language

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 16 February 2015

Date of direction to issue a label: 13 February 2015

Date of notice of decision: No notice of decision has been issued

	Components	**Running time**
Game:	Grand Theft Auto V	
Total running time:		

Summary of reasons for decision:

The game is the fifth instalment in a very popular, sometimes notorious, free-roaming action adventure game focusing on criminal activity. This is an updated version of an iteration

previously classified R18 with the note 'Violence, sexual material, drug use and offensive language'. The decision was registered on 13 August 2013.

The current version is set in modern-day Los Santos, a game world parody of Los Angeles and surrounding regions. The current version contains some new elements, such as the potential for it to be played in higher resolution, with increased frame rate and greater draw distance. The game is now playable with a first-person perspective, enhancing believability and the immersion factor. Some new weapons are also available although these have been available on Xbox 1 and PlayStation 4 versions of the game since November 2014. At a later stage the game's developers will provide a downloadable "patch" that will enable players of Grand Theft Auto V to record and edit moments of game play. This is likely to result in players uploading video of their worst behaviour and sharing it online. It should be noted that videos of this type are not representative of the game generally and are beyond the control of the game makers, particularly if they contain additional voiceover commentary.

The sexual content in the new version of the game reinforces that it is adult in nature. While the first-person perspective adds a degree of impact on a player in terms of being more immersive, it does not significantly change the game play experience such that it would be injurious to adults. The new weapons, higher resolution and peyote experiences similarly do not provide justification to change the original classification and descriptive note.